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### AN EIGHT-HOUR VICTORY

ORITICISM of the women's eight-hour bill offered by the legislative committee of the Chamber of Commerce has a friendly tone and is, in effect, a declaration in support of the measure.

It is suggested by the members of the committee that the bill is loosely drawn. That is a fault that can be easily corrected if it exists.

In a general way, the committee's report should be cheering to the women who have worked hard for the eight-hour day, since it implies a promise of fresh aid in behalf of the pending bill.

### THE THING TO DO

THE plan of Select Councilman Ulrich to relocate the street car tracks on Old York road and build sidewalks while the street is regraded and paved is so good that there can be no serious opposition to it.

At present there are no sidewalks and the tracks are on the side of the road. Pedestrians have to walk in the center. where they are in constant danger from automobiles. There have been numerous fatal accidents. Parents living in its vicinity are afraid to let their children go out on Sunday because of the large number of motorcars running at high

Councils is expected to pass Mr. Ulrich's bill with the least possible delay in order that the present dangerous conditions on the highway may be removed.

## OUAKERS AND WORLD DESIRE

THERE was nothing new in the antiwar sentiments expressed by the Orthodox Friends in a session of their yearly meeting here yesterday, but the circumstances under which they were uttered have no parallel in the past. For though membership in the religious society whose great leader founded Philadelphia has been of slender growth of years, one of the prime tenets of their faith unites virtually the whole of civilization in a common belief. Exclusively spiritual conversion on the subject has been, of course, what the Quakers have desired.

Mankind in general, however, has staggered toward the truth through very much more violent processes. War itself has branded war as a curse. It seems a cruel and pitiful way to achieve the result, but it is one at least which all minds can comprehend.

The change seems to have been appreciated by the Friends in their indorsement of an attitude of respect toward those Quakers who have fought for world emancipation. During the American Revolution and for a while thereafter there was a schism in the society caused by repudiation of the "Free Quakers" who had fought in the Continental army. The fact that that situation is not now repeated indicates the Friends, still emphasizing their abhorrence of war, may erhaps be looking for the support of their own members who in a supreme crisis shouldered arms.

Obviously there need now be no wide spiritual gap between those who fought and those who have, as usual, condemned war at the Arch street meeting. Quaker ideals are no longer confined to a few. Now that the barbarian is felled such deals are the hope of the world.

SPANISH PRIDE AND THE PACT NATIONAL consciousness in Spain is much older than that in most of the other countries of continental Europe. It was an intense and vital sentiment when Italy, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands as organized governments were unborn and while France was parioned in the violent wars of religion. The spirit flamed with splendor and acpanying ruthlessness in the sixteenth ntury, when the monarchy at Madrid most powerful and imperial of

The years of disaster following the out of the Armada brought no slackof the passion for national sover-The vast empire of the viceroys Bahad, yet pride in Spain survived pain weathered successive blows. oleon ascribed his fall to that intructible sentiment manifested so perbly at Saragossa and throughout

nsular War. dany boundary lines were redrawn by Congress of Vienna in 1814. Spain's ched. They have varied but for centuries. They are virtually e today as those established by

Furope. Her statesmen cherish it. And yet they are the first of any of the neutral nations to solicit entrance into the world league. In a letter addressed to the President by the Spanish ambassador in Paris hearty acceptance of the covenant idea is registered even before the plan takes final form. The tone of the indorsement is not only hearty but eager, implying not the remotest shadow on a sovereignty that has been so zealously guarded through good times and bad.

The moral significance of this move is of prime importance. As a practical contribution to the virility of the league it is also impressive, for there are several million more people in Spain than in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands combined. The league should be proud to welcome this venerable partner.

### WHY THE IRON DIVISION BRINGS MORE THAN VICTORY

It Unlifts the Clean Code of the Soldier to Challenge Leaders in Civil Life

AMONG politicians, in business, wherever the theorists gather and give tongue, there is endless talk of the returning soldier. Much of it is aimless. Most of it is futile.

There has been no one to rise and beg us, for God's sake, to stop chattering about the soldier's vote, about the uses that can be made of him and about the imaginary mysteries of his mind, in order that there may be an interval for reflection on the challenge that he brings, by implication, to the lazy and timorous minds of his home country.

The men returning from overseas represent the best that is in us-the best that is in the world. So does their service. If a little of their courage, a little of their unselfishness and a thousandth part of their sacrifice could be duplicated in the civil life of the nation all the woes and worries that cloud the minds of business men and statesmen these days would disappear overnight.

For it is in the safe places at home, where delusions still persist to make people believe that rational existence is possible without a sense of obligation and honor and a decent spiritual code, that life can often be more sordid than it is on battlefields.

It remains for soldiers like ours to find a hard way to the light of better knowledge. Rich and poor were among them, but no barriers remain. They were friendly in a common cause. They were unafraid of strange places, of unseen things, of risks and sacrifices and

They didn't lie. They didn't pretend. They lived according to an essential rule which provides that you must help the man next to you at all hazards and share his trouble and his perils though the heavens fall.

Before long the Iron Division will be reviewed in Philadelphia. Any politician who wants to save his soul, any man in business who happens to feel befogged in new confusion, could not do better than look to their colors as you look to a light in darkness.

The members of the Iron Division were plain men when they went away. Now they are a legend in a strange language. Songs will be made about them by the strangers they befriended.

They were fearless and they served others. Theirs is an ancient code. It never fails. At a time like this it should touch the imagination of every man whose concern it is to give the world a new equilibrium,

For no laws, no restrictions, no checks and balances and adjustments fixed solely upon materialistic concepts can satisfy a world that seeks peace and contentment.

What civilization needs, and needs badly, is the viewpoint of these Americans who found in the weight of a great responsibility a new sympathy and new understanding. Soldiers in the army sloughed off old delusions. They escaped the mean and petty concerns that degrade and confuse existence for many of us. They became men.

The tragedy of the world nowadays is that all the forces opposed to the American policy in a struggle for supremacy in world politics, whether they represent a frank toryism or parade in the guise of the ultra-radicals, are essentially materialistic in their aims and their phiosophies. Hatred and suspicion is the natural consequence everywhere, for deep in human consciousness there is a fixed longing for decency and fair play.

It may be for this reason, perhaps, that the world loves a soldier. The soldier represents that quality in human nature that can carry a man out of himself in an emergency and whip him to danger and death for the sake of what is

right. Militarism is something altogether different. It is properly loathed.

But plain men have never fought for causes that they did not believe to be right. That is why a quarrel for spoils at the Paris conference must seem so shameful and horrible an end to the epic which free nations lived in the recent war.

Any similar spirit of hard materialism. anything that is furtive and cowardly in the future life of America, will be detested by men who have endured the risks and hardship of foreign battlefields on a common footing. Their own code was clean and brave and they will have little patience with anything that is shifty and spurious at home. They will be instinctively critical and questioning, and they will be justified in demanding that the ethical standards of normal life in the future be not so lax as to appear shameful in the light of the hard but splendid etiquette of trenches and battlefields.

So, altogether, it is not too much to say that the men of the Iron Division are bringing more than victory home from France. They are bringing intimations of a rule of life and hi

tionship that is, strangely enough, nobler than any theory yet propounded by po-

litical philosophers. The rise of materialistic philosophy has enervated almost every political party in the world.

Belief in the universal value of mere possessions culminated in the insanity of Germany. Kaiserism was rapacity

A Bolshevist is merely a little man raging in his little world and trying to assimilate, in his own life, a philosophy that was too strong even for the German nation.

The American soldier remains to think in terms of the spirit, in terms of pride and in terms of unselfish service and achievement. It remains to be seen whether the men who are leaders in American civil life are wise enough to study him with profit.

The men of our own Iron Division endured much of the bitterest fighting of the war. The city will blaze for them when they arrive. But cheers, music, color and a day of

it go at that we shall be the losers, not they What is life to be like for them later

### THE SEDITION BILL

along?

WHATEVER is mean, hidden, furtive, bigoted or virulent in social and political propaganda should be put down consistently and mercilessly in this country. The very generosity of America and the American people and the greatness of the ideal symbolized in our form of government and actually realized in the service we have done in Europe make a traitor seem more despicable here than he could be anywhere else on the planet.

But even traitors may be dealt with vithout hysteria. This nation and its government developed and grew strong brough rational criticism of a sort that often seemed radical in the light of the contemporary opinion of earlier times. Will the members of the Legislature at Harrisburg be able to see clearly and unerringly the differences that lie between the two methods of political action represented by a malignant demagogue and constructive, if liberal, criticism? That is a pretty important question now when a bill designed to check sedition is being made to include many sweeping

Unquestionably there are fanatics in the United States who, as agitators of the new school, are willing to preach disrespect of law. They are potentially dangerous. But they are comparatively few and futile. They thrive momentarily only where they can weave fantasies against a background of intense igno-

Law in this country is law because it represents, and always will represent, the collective will of the majority. It is always safe and always beyond attack. It represents the experience of centuries of intelligent aspiration in government. The man who disrespects law is hardly less foolish than the man who assumes that it needs great artificial protective agencies to insure its survival. It is because the law itself is inviolate and evolutionary that it should protect. rather than hinder, those who criticize its reactions in all sincerity.

Political dissatisfaction that normally finds expression in frank and open criticism cannot be eased by clubs such as were swung the other day at Toledo, O. No one who has any valid grievance can be gagged in America. No one who would restrict free speech properly interprets the spirit of the law of the United States. And when a bill is so drawn that it might be interpreted some time by some reactionary judge with a grouch against progress as to restrict just criticism of government officials and institutions it cannot long survive on the statute books. The so-called sedition bill now up for

consideration at Harrisburg should not be passed in too great a hurry.

Stay Home!

One Philadelphia girl,

Miss Cora Duffy.

Mayor Smith's confi-

dential secretary has

been filling the Mayor's job, and another, Miss Cecelia P. Bass, is admitted to the bar of the United States court. And yet a grave and self-assured state legislature would not admit that they are qualified to vote. Must we say, before long, in assessing the realities of political development in America, that man's place is

President Wilson's Quite So . warning to the peace delegates that the world expects action rather than words suggests that it is like a professional diplomatist to talk too little before a war and

They also serve who win the distinguished service medal at home.

Changes in the German general staff haven't occurred for some time. It's still

That Camden baby who swallowed furniture polish applied it in the wrong place f it wished to shine in society.

The schoolboy at least will heartily ndorse any revisions in the league covenant that make for compression of wording.

consummated nowadays seems to have nade Felix Diaz of Mexico actively envious No blue laws can make this coming Sunday any bluer than it will be for Wil-

The ease with which revolutions are

liam Hohenzollern, for that day is the sec ond anniversary of America's entry into

The popularity and profit of rummage sales make one wish that the two political parties might follow the example of the nouseholders and clear out the old and seless stuff to make room for new blood. Senator Hitchcock seems to fear that

the hall will be packed with friends of Mr Pepper when he comes here to debate the league of nations. Mr. Pepper will doubt-less regard it as a compliment that the Senator thinks he has friends enough in Philadelphia to all a ball.

# MAYOR COUZENS

TELLS THE TRUTH

He Does Not Seem to be Afraid of Smirching Detroit by His House Cleaning Methods

"HUSH!" exclaim certain Philadelphians when some one begins to talk about unsatisfactory conditions here. "You must not say that. It will hurt the city."

They used to talk that way in New Orleans when yellow fever appeared. A concerted attempt was made to cover up the facts in the hope that business might not be disastrously affected by the plague. But the policy of concealment hampered the work of the health department and it frequently happened that the disease had so many victims that the truth could be hidden no longer. The city suffered from its ostrich policyt and it came about that when rumors of yellow fever circulated all strangers would avoid the place because they could put no faith in any statements about its health conditions.

New Orleans learned better through bitter experience and abandoned its efforts to hide the truth. It fought yellow fever in enthusiasm will not be enough. If we let the open before the preventive methods were discovered, and now people have confidence in any health reports that come from the city.

DETROIT, which has a reform administration, has already begun to adopt the policy of government in the open, on the theory that the way to correct abuses is to tell the truth about them. It does not suffer from epidemic diseases, but it has been troubled for years by a plague of delinquent personal taxpayers.

Mayor Couzens has recently caused to be printed a five-column advertisement in the daily newspapers of the city stating the facts and announcing that the delinquents are expected to report the amount of their taxable personal property. The only threat in the advertisement is contained in the provisions of the law for the collection of the tax with the penalties fixed for disregard of them. The pertinent sections of the statute are printed. An appeal is made to the desire of the taxpayers for

It is announced that the board of assessors has the power to assess any person o corporation failing to make a statement on such an amount as it believes to be proper. And it is also announced that the Mayor and members of the Conneil will refuse to ask the board of revision to decline to make any reduction of a preliminary assessment if no voluntary statement of personal property is made by any individual, merchant or corporation.

THE advertisement reminds the owners ▲ of personal property that the man with possessions in the open must not be asked o bear a greater share of the tax burden than is fair; that the laborer and the mechanic cannot escape because all they have is plainly before the assessor; that real estate holders, corporations and merchants cannot escape because their property is where it can be seen. It says, further, that there are thousands of investors who have concealed their personal investments and have evaded the law. Some of them have failed to make returns because some body else they knew had not made re-

In order to show the exact situation, the ollowing summary of the number of personal taxpayers and the amounts on which they paid last year is printed;

Number of individuals ..... Amount of taxable property. \$10,000,000 

Then a list of the kinds of personal property taxable under the state laws is given in order that the citizens who may happen to be ignorant of their liability may no onger be able to plead that ignorance to their consciences as an excuse for taxdodging.

Included in the property liable to personal assessments are household furniture, musical instruments, statuary, pictures and other works above the total value of watches, horses and all vehicles save automobiles, all moneys represented by notes all deposits in trust companies or with any corporation or individual, and moneys on hand or in safe-deposit vaults. all sums or amounts due or to become due all shares of stock in any corporation ex cept national banks organized under the laws of any other state or country, and all shares of stock in any corporation chartered in Michigan but doing its business outside of the state, and so on,

THE citizens are reminded that the Mayor and the Council have taken oath to enforce the laws, and the advertisement announces that the Council and the Mayor believe that the mere statement of their intention to enforce the laws impartially is all that is necessary to induce the citizens to co-operate with them. And it is further said that it would be better to abolish the personal property tax alto gether than to permit the present conditions to continue. It is unfair that the man whose property is easily discoverable should be taxed while the man with much more property hidden from view should

TT IS evident that the new broom in De-I troit is sweeping clean regardless of the amount of a smudge it may stir up. There is no fear of what any outsider may think about the matter. There is to be government in the open. Every one who believes in this sort of thing is confident that the city will gain more than it will lose, for the only time when a city suffers from truth-telling about its conditions is when it refrains from serious effort to cure them.

It is evident, too, that Mayor Couzens and the Council are not afraid to spend the public money in advertising in order to inform the people of the existence of abuses and of the determination of their servants to correct them. Some moss backs may object and may say that it ought not to be announced to the country that Detroit is full of personal property tax-dodgers; but the mossbacks were sent to the rear when the reform administration was elected. There is a new order of things in the Michigan metropolis, the working out of which should be watched with curious interest by reformers and stand-patters in every other considerable ommunity.

Detroit was rescued from the control of the professional ward heelers in the last municipal efection. It is now engaged in cleaning out the accumulation of bad business methods which years of indifference to anything but spoils have piled up.

Governor Sproul's tonsils are swollen,

General Wood deserves that distin-guished service medal, but if they had let him go to France he might have won something Agger. Whatever else they may lack, the re

belling Egyptians have unquestionably lots

The reverse of light-saving is achieved when the Paris conference puts back the clock in heeding aggressive territorial claims. Such procedure indeed means a lungs into the dark ages.

## WHILE THERE'S LIFE



## THE CHAFFING DISH

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Before me, a registered subcaliber poet, in and for the state of Pennsylvania; county of Philadelphia, personally appeared SOCRATES, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher of THE CHAP-FING DISH and that the following is a true statement of the ownership, management and circulation of the aforesaid publication:

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Trustee of Sinking Fund (six three-cent stamps Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day April, 1919. My, commission expires immediately.

Marc Antony Overdraws His Account TF YOU have coins, prepare to spend them now!-

You all do know this check-book. I remember The first time that I filled in all these stubs:

Twas on a summer evening, in the sub-The day I overcame the grocer's bill. see what a rent the envious landlord got! Through this the well-beloved gas-man stubbed.

And, as he plucked his cursed steal away, how the butcher and the plumber followed As rushing to my door, to be resolved If Antony still had some balance left.

For I was certainly that plumber's angel: See his indorsements on the checks I paid And here's that coal bill-That was the most unkindest debt of all; For when my nervous banker saw that stub My deficit, more strong than my deposits,

Quite vanquished my account: then burst my balance. And, while the cashier muffled up his face. Even at the base of his dread adding en

(Printing a row of digits in red ink) He damned the check with Insufficient Funds, O pardon me, thou bleeding bank account,

That I am meek and gentle with these butchers . . . O gentle balance, dost thou lie so low? But yesterday this little check-book might Have stood against the income tax. Now Hes he there. And not a single check in him is valid.

The trouble with Lenine and Trotsky is that they have been seduced by watching a typewriter. They imagine that by de-pressing a shift key the whole world can be thrown from CAPITAL into lower case

#### Desk Mottoes Be reserved, but not sour; grave, but not

formal; bold, but not rash; humble, but not servile; patient, not insensible; constant, not obstinate; cheerful, not light; rather sweet, than familiar; familiar, than intimate; and intimate with very few, and upon very good grounds. -WILLIAM PENN.

Our idea of a pleasant evening is one spent in watching Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew on the screen. We wonder why Sidney's face is so much more amusing that his brother John Drew's. cause John was born in Philadelphia and Sidney in New York?

If we had a face like Sidney Drew's we would find shaving every day no bore at all. We can imagine barbers paying Sidney

for the privilege of razing that droll map. One of the things we regret is that the Germans before 1914 were insufficient acquainted with the poems of Johan Wolfgang von Goethe. It was J. W. von

who said: "National hatred has its peculiar aspects. You will always find it strongest and most violent in the lowest stages of

civilization (Kultur)." We wonder if the Penn boys really think they are fitting themselves for this bustling forld by planning "flour fights" and "pants fights"? Belgium could use both the flour

### and the pants if the students have no use for them.

Webb Waldron, in Collier's.

"Some Unknown Motive" It grew late. Frau Eisner put away her knitting, rose and went into an ad-joining room, which evidently was a bed-room. A moment later she returned, sat down and began to unlace her shoes. After unlacing them she started to pull them off, but after a glance at me some unknown motive made her hesitate. She rose again, walked into the bedroom, her shoe laces flapping, and closed the door .-

Perhaps Frau Eisner had a hole in her

Quintus H. Flaccus sends us the follow-

ing head from the Galesburg Republican Register PRETTY WEDDING

AT BARTON HOME ON THURSDAY

Will Do Their Part in the Great Work of Reconstruction.

### The Fourteen Points of Our Daily Existence

7 a. m.-Whether to get up now or to take another snooze. 8 a. m.-Whether to turn on the cold water in the shower or let the

hot run a little longer.

m .- Whether to walk to the office or ride. 10 a. m.-Whether to answer that letter today or wait till tomorrow m.-Whether to write a poem

come across. -Whether to go out for lunch or wait till some one offers to buy. 1 p. m .- Whether to return to the office or to keep on eating. 2 p. m.-Whether to write a poem about

pray that some contrib

the tree that blew down in independence Square.
3 p. m.—Whether to write prose about the tree that blew down in Independence Square.

m. Whether to write about the tree that blew down in Independence Square. Whether to write something about Lenine and Trotsky.

6 p. m.-Whether to go straight home. 8 p. m.-Whather to go to the movies 11 p. m.-Whether to go to bed.

ARE you grumbling because some of our men are still in Europe? You know what you can do about

### Oversubscribe the VICTORY LOAN

It pays their passage home

BEGIN to save for it now.

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One of the times when even the most placid feel upstirrings of Bolshevism is when they have been waiting twenty minutes in the tonsorium for a shave, and then observe all the aristocrats in the chairs making up their minds to have shampoos and vacuum cup massages.

### FISHING TIME

THE spring's getting into my veins; .
I'm tired of roof trees and floors; The cobwebs are clouding my brains, I long for the great out of doors.

mouthful of keen salty air,
With its taste of the sea would feel good, In a world free from care. Oh, how I long to be there.

When the flounder comes out of the mud. It isn't that laziness put

Its seal on my overworked mind; want to get out of the rut, Leaving duty and routine behind. Necessity's slave driven me. And its prodding I've patiently stood;

But, I'm longing to be near the sound of When the flounder comes out of the mud.

To sit on a worm-eaten dock, Forgetting the rounds of the clock, With a sinker, a hook and a line.

Just waiting the quick, angry jerk Which tells that his hold's pretty good; Oh, I don't want to shirk, but I'd rather

When the flounder comes out of the mud There are plenty of things which appeal To me strongly the rest of the year; But in spring I just hanker to stea!

Away from my usual sphere To a place where there's no one to care How I look, so that any old dud I am able to wear, Oh, I've got to be there

When the flounder comes out of the mud.

Helen Combes, in the New York Herald, Judge Evans, of Kentucky, still insists that the war is over, and cites the President's armistice announcement to Congress on November 11 that "the war thus comes to an end." We certainly hope that the

### President was right. What Do You Know?

QUIZ What city is most favorably considered for the seat of the league of nations? When was the war between China and Japan fought?

3. How long has the America's Cup (for yacht racing) been in American possession? 4. Who founded the city of St. Petersburg.

now Petrograd? 5. Who wrote the novel, "Far From the Madding Crowd"? 6. What word does the weather bureau em-

ploy to describe a wind blowing more than eighty miles an hour? 7. How much did the United States pay

Spain for the Philippine Islands? 8. How does gruyere cheese get its name? Name two words the English spelling of which differs from the American.

10. What is poteen? Answers to Yeslerday's Quiz

The two languages of Belgium are French and Flemish.

2. "Garte blanche" implies full discretion-ary power. The phrase refers to a sheet of blank paper given to a person to write his own terms on. 3. A dingey or dingby is a small ship's boat or small pleasure rowing boat.

Originally it was a native rowing boat on Indian rivers.

Constanza is a Rumanian port on the Black Sea, below the mouths of the Danube. 5, The Roman Emperor Commodus (161-192) participated in gladiatorial com-

bats in the Colosseum and styled him-self the "Second Hercules." 6, LL. B. stands for bachelor of laws. "Hang sorrow; care'll kill a-cat" is from Ben Jonson's comedy, "Every Man in His Humor."

s. Jefferson City is the capital of Missourt, William Hale Thompson has just been re-elected Mayor of Chicago.

10: The new world's record for speed in an airpiane is 180 miles an hour, a rate achieved by a De Haviland machine this week in a flight between Parls and